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Yes, summer sun is nearly upon us and that includes the All Porsche Show 2024

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This gorgeous Carrera RS was on display the 2019 All Porsche Show

Photographed by Alex Bellus

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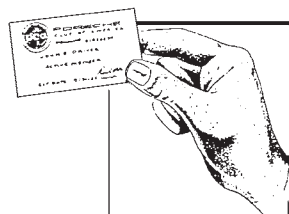


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## So, Just What Do We Do In Nord Stern??!

*A brief synopsis of activities and events offered by your club, Nord Stern, and/or PCA or, just enough info to pique your interest??!!*

**Volunteering:** The club runs on volunteers! A great way to meet members and get the most out of your membership. Our club exists BECAUSE of members volunteering their time and talents to plan and execute our many different events. With NO paid staff, we depend entirely on volunteers to run OUR club and keep the calendar full of interesting and well planned activities. Whether your interest lies in track events, social activities, technology, touring, tech sessions, car shows or other, we have a place for you and many an opportunity to get involved.

**AUTOCROSS:** A low-speed driving event, teaching one how to maneuver one's car around a set course of pylons on a closed circuit. Instruction is available, drivers compete against the clock. No modifications to one's car are necessary. Some safety equipment needed (helmet).

**CLUBTALK:** E-mail listserv for member (Nord Stern) subscribers focusing on car issues and discussions as well as a place to ask questions, get recommendations and comments. Also for last minute breaking news on upcoming events and activities. Subscribe at <http://listserv.nordstern.org/mailman/listinfo/clubtalk>, or any account edits, updates.

**CONCOURS:** A setting where Porsches are displayed for general viewing and/or inspection competition. Experienced judges evaluate the various models based upon cleanliness, overall condition and authenticity. Note: NS conducts an 'All Porsche Show' at which cars are 'shown' but not judged.

**DRIVER TRAINING:** A driving course designed to teach and enhance high speed driving skills and techniques on an actual race course. Training includes classroom sessions, on-track 'exercises' plus supervised lapping sessions. A Pre-Requisite for Driver Ed participation and NOT to be confused with Driver Education events. Driver Training includes both Novice and Intermediate level options. Check with DT Chair for additional options.

**DRIVER EDUCATION:** High-speed driving event on a closed-course racetrack (Brainerd, Blackhawk Farms, Road America, for example) where drivers are grouped according to prior lap times. Prior Driver Training participation, or the equivalent is required. Performance enhancements are frequently made (but not required!).

**PARADE LAPS:** Sometimes held during lunch at Driver Training/Driver Ed events at closed-course racetracks, this controlled environment, with a pace car, provides participants an opportunity to take street cars on the track at highway speeds to see what the course is like. Minors are permitted in state approved restraints and with a signed parental release.

**PCA CLUB RACING:** Wheel-to-wheel competition between drivers who hold PCA club racing licenses. There is a race class for every model Porsche. Safety modifications to your vehicle are required.

**RALLY:** An event wherein a driver and co-driver complete a predetermined route along open roads following a specific set of navigational instructions. Can be a TDS (time-distance-speed) or a 'fun' rally.

**SOCIAL / MEMBERSHIP:** Organized gatherings of club members, affiliates and family member to meet, eat, and drink beverages!

**TECH SESSION:** Casual educational session that span a wide range of topics, from general maintenance, through Concours prep, performance enhancements and general car/mechanical knowledge!

# The Prez Sez . . .

by Tom Karn, White 2020 Porsche GT4

Welcome to Spring Nord Stern! By the time you read this, the snow should be behind us and the Spring rains should have cleansed the roads of the salt. You may not have many miles on your Porsche in 2024, but we certainly have been busy in Nord Stern. Already 10+ events. If you're having some of that FOMO feeling, no worries! We have a lot more to come.

Special shout outs and thanks to the following individuals and sponsors for their hard work to put on all of the wonderful events we've had so far: **Steve Albers, Dave Anderson, Andy & April Barker, Jason Barney, Chuck Barr, John Blackburn, Christie Boeder, Scott Brown, Jeff Carlson, Jeff Eckroth, Roger Johnson, Stan Lim, Misty Martinos, Scott & Mary Quick, Ben Rogers, Rich & Mary Rolfs, Judy Sievers, Jim & Gayle Southwell, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn "Speedy" Veno, Michelle Weber-Eckroth, Amanda Zander, Auto Edge, Imola, JDC Motorsports, Porsche Minneapolis, Print Labs, Werks.** What a Team! So many people have worked very hard to bring us together at these fun events. Please



be sure to thank and support them the next time you see them!

Now that we can hit the roads, the Drives season has begun. Our first opportunity to drive our Porsches together is the always amazing "Classic Cars at the Arb" event on Tuesday, May 21st, sponsored by

Porsche Minneapolis. This non-Nord Stern "Drive or Arrive" style event allows you to meet at the Dealership and drive together, or to arrive at the Arb on your own to enjoy the Porsches and the People. Watch your email for more details and the Eventbrite link to sign up. Don't procrastinate—it fills up fast!

Our Nord Stern Drives team has been working diligently to create a spectacular season of Drives. A new event is the Tuesday evening Drive to the "Henderson Classic Car Roll In". You'll want to cut out of work early on June 4th, head to the Chanhassen Autoplex for departure, enjoy an early summer evening drive to Henderson, and take in the sights of some fantastic cars. Another new event is the "Drive to Dancing Dragonfly Winery" in St. Croix Falls, WI on Saturday, June 22nd. For details, check your social media, emails, and [www.nordstern.org](http://www.nordstern.org).

One of the most exciting new Social/Membership events is "The Women of Nord Stern: Mozz Making Class" on Wednesday, June 5th at France 44. Learn to pull your own mozzarella curd in this private class just for the Women of Nord Stern! The experts at France 44 will walk you through the step-by-step process of turning curd into the perfect balls of fresh mozzarella. Class size is limited – be sure to register early. Michelle Weber-Eckroth has done such an amazing job making new events happen. She has also spearheaded the

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As usual, this little space of mine is the last to be filled in before sending the file off to the printer. And of course I have no idea what to chatter on about. Other than it definitely is driving time out there. I understand a huge group of Porsches showed up at the recent Porsche and Pints at Boom Island Brewery. My other half was there but I had a prior commitment which was too bad as this is always a lovely event, time to just chat and catch up. And brings out all those winter-stored cars. Plus they usually have a pretty good food truck on hand . . . And then there are those adult beverages.

Thanks to Michelle and April, our social mavens extraordinaire for keeping this one in the social calendar. Well done. With that said, don't forget our committees ALWAYS need those extra helping hands - social stuff is fun to do and a great opportunity to meet a lot of really very interesting people. Don't hesitate, raise your hand, send an email to [volunteer@nordstern.org](mailto:volunteer@nordstern.org). You won't regret it - I can attest to that after all the years I've been in the club. It's been a hugely satisfying hobby, interest, inspiration, and educational outlet. And now I'll quit the shilling.

As we look at ways to keep the club sustainable, both from the people management and financial aspect, the newsletter too needs to be thinking about what our world looks like these days. I'm old school for sure, otherwise I'd not be editing this piece especially for as long as I have. Always

have enjoyed the challenge of learning technology as it grows and evolves. So much is now digital (that goes without saying) and no longer is the newsletter the main source or 'to go' for information, for up-to-date details on calendared activity (cue the website calendar here and PCA eblast/clubtalk emails) as it was when I initially started putting this together. Back in the day I actually set up full-page registration forms for things like our Driver Ed and Driver Training dates! Quite fun but obviously meant everything done manually with snail mail, spreadsheets galore (not that we've lost those) but a LOT more literal paper. I don't really miss all that but the big reason I'm ruminating on the past is that the future does look different, to moving the newsletter more to a digital format

Definitely helps the bottom line so stay tuned for whatever this future 'work' holds.

And oh, do check out the Autocross info plus this month's Advertiser Spotlight Josh Hway



### HOW TO JOIN PCA AND THEN NORD STERN REGION PCA

**1. First, JOIN Porsche Club of America (PCA). Please visit [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) for membership instructions.**

**2. Second, join Nord Stern**

- Visit [www.nordstern.org](http://www.nordstern.org) and remit dues via Paypal hotlink on the Membership page.
- Or, send check, payable to Nord Stern, directly to the treasurer via the snail mail address below.
- Your membership information with PCA is available for our club's records.

**3. To RENEW an existing Nord Stern membership**

- Visit [www.nordstern.org](http://www.nordstern.org) to pay via PayPal (<https://website.nordstern.org/membership/#JoinTheClub>).

- Or, send your check, payable to Nord Stern, to Scott via snail mail address - available upon request

**Address Changes:**

Please send any address changes or updates via email [membership@nordstern.org](mailto:membership@nordstern.org)

**Mail renewal checks to:**

Scott Brown - call for address

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**Nord Stern membership Options:**

\$30 per year, or  
\$80 for three years

- \* Check your mailing label for your expiration date



# 2024 Calendar . . . Get Around with Nord Stern

## MAY

- 4 Nord Stern Midwest Clear Bra**  
Note: Tentative Tech Session
- 7 Nord Stern Business Meeting \***  
Location: Spasso's in Minnetonka (101 & Mtka Blvd)  
RSVP to president@nordstern.org - all are welcome
- 18 InterMarque Spring Kick-Off "Save the Date"**  
Non-Nord Stern event, see ad this page

## JUNE

- 4 Henderson Classic Car Roll-In Drive**  
Meet at Chanhassen Autoplex 2 p.m. on, last car departs by 3:30 p.m. for Henderson, MN clubregistration.net
- 5 The Women of Nord Stern 'Mozz Making Class'**  
Location: France44 Wine & Spirits  
Pull your own Mozzarella!  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$90, clubregistration.net
- 12 Nord Stern Roll'um at Lawn Bowling**  
Location: Brookview Gold & Lawn Bowling  
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$15 for bowling, food/beverage ala carte  
Registration at clubregistration.net
- 17-18 Nord Stern Cheese Fling @ Road America**  
Driver Ed only - Elkhart Lake, WI  
Registration will be at clubregistration.net
- 29 Nord Stern Annual All Porsche Show**  
Roseville Central Park, 10 am to 1 pm  
NOTE: This is a Saturday date this year

## JULY

- 12-14 Nord Stern Loonacy DE & Club Race @ BIR**  
BIR Long and Short tracks  
Registration will be at clubregistration.net

## SEPTEMBER

- 14-15 Nord Stern Driver Training @ BIR**  
Driver Training will be Saturday/Sunday  
Registration will be at clubregistration.net
- 14-15 Nord Stern Final Fling @ BIR**  
Two Day Driver Ed BIR Long Track  
Registration will be at clubregistration.net
- 21 Nord Stern goes Apple Picking - 2nd Annual**  
The Arbor at Young Acres, Prescott, WI  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$30 per person includes pizza, farm activities, LOTS of fun

## OCTOBER

- 12 Nord Stern Checkered Flag Party**  
Location: Buck Hill Party Room  
Time: Noon - 4 p.m.  
Details/Cost TBA

2024 2025 Events - Save the dates!

## JANUARY

- 11 Nord Stern 2025 Green Flag Party**  
Location/Time/Cost: To Be Announced  
Save the Date

*\* Business Meetings are open to all Nord Stern members and we welcome all to join in and enjoy some refreshments and hear what's on tap, note that this year 2024 they are held the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the Month, contact the president for locations, if not noted.*

### LOCAL CAR EVENTS, OF INTEREST

These events are **NOT** organized, **NOR** sponsored by Nord Stern or PCA, but club members are cordially invited

#### • MN CARS AND COFFEE •

First Saturday of the month, May - October

#### • CAFFEINE and OCTANE

2nd Saturday of the month Medina Autoplex, April - October

#### • CARS AND CAVES •

Last Saturday at the Chanhassen Autoplex, 8 a.m. - Noon

*\*\*Please note: Nord Stern-sponsored events are officially designed 'Nord Stern' and/or PCA (Porsche Club of America) activities. Non-Nord Stern events of potential interest to our membership may be added, upon request and dependent on space availability, to this calendar as a courtesy to the organizer, or an organizing entity, and strictly at the discretion of the editor or Nord Stern president.*

*Any event date/s that conflict with a Nord Stern-sponsored event will **NOT** be published in any official Nord Stern communications.*





Upcoming Events - Get these on your Calendar



Nord Stern Region of PCA

# ALL PORSCHE SHOW

Saturday, June 29  
10 am to 1 pm  
Park opens 9 am

All Porsche Models Welcome!

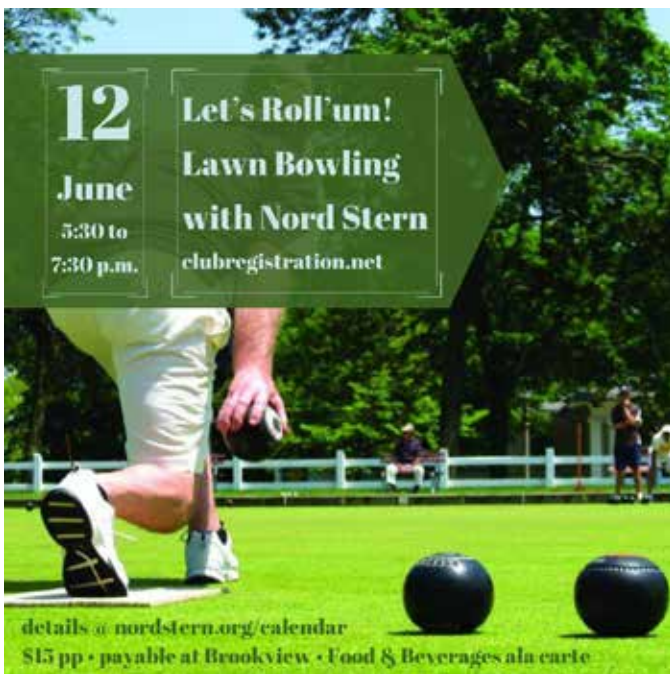
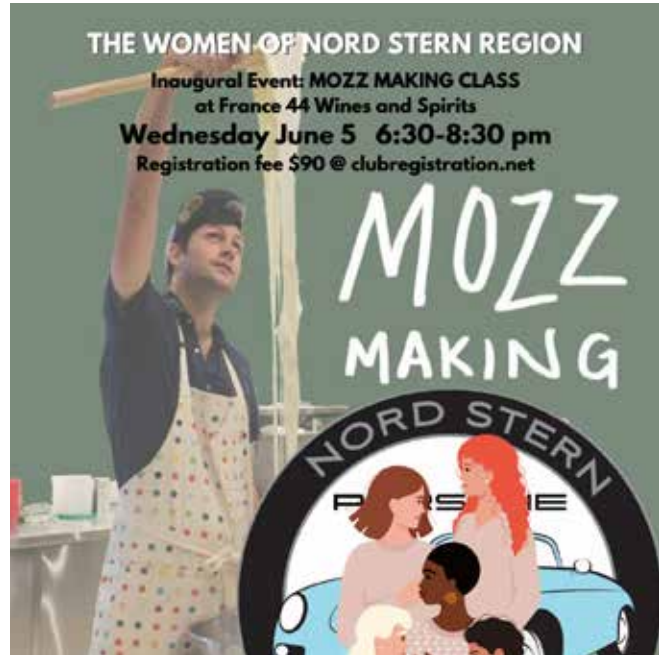
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Cars • Tin Fish food truck • Vendors

register at [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net)

THE WOMEN OF NORD STERN REGION

Inaugural Event: **MOZZ MAKING CLASS**  
at France 44 Wines and Spirits  
Wednesday June 5 6:30-8:30 pm  
Registration fee \$90 @ [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net)

# MOZZ MAKING



**12**  
June  
5:30 to  
7:30 p.m.

Let's Roll'um!  
Lawn Bowling  
with Nord Stern  
[clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net)

details @ [nordstern.org/calendar](http://nordstern.org/calendar)  
\$15 pp • payable at Brookview • Food & Beverages ala carte



THE ARBOR AT YOUNG ACRES IN PRESCOTT, WI

# Apple Picking + Pizza

Saturday, September 21, 2024  
11 am - 3 pm Cost: \$40 per person  
Child pizza add-on \$16

Apple Picking | Tractor ride  
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# Tech Session at Werks: What You Need to Know for Track participation



Terrific event! Thanks to everyone involved in making it happen. Especially Werks Automotive for such a spectacular introduction to track days.

– Todd Smith











# Slowpokes Inc.

**Open Track Events - No Run Groups**

## **Brainerd International Raceway**

- **Competition Course: 2.5 Miles 13 turns**
- **Track Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**\$400 per event or \$1,300 all 4 events\***

## **2024 Dates**

- **May 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday)**
- **September 3<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, day after Labor Day)**
- **October 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

## **Format:**

- **No run groups**
- **Passengers allowed**
- **Lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. – Parade laps on Track**

## **Requirements:**

- **Prior High Speed Track Driving Experience**
- **Vehicle Tech Inspection**
- **Contact us for details or questions**

Contact us: [info@slowpokes.org](mailto:info@slowpokes.org)

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Raise Your Hand! Events always need 'extra hands'! Connect with your community of fellow Porsche owners.  
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[VOLUNTEER@NORDSTERN.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@NORDSTERN.ORG)



## Raise Your Hand and BE a Nord Stern Volunteer

- Nord Stern is a club, a club made up of members who share a passion, an interest, a desire to delve ever deeper, in our case, into the Big Wide World of Porsche!
- 32 members signed up to volunteer at Loonacy Weekend, and filled some 65 volunteer slots using our new Volunteer signup page: <https://website.nordstern.org/volunteer-new/>. All had a chance to contribute, meet other fellow members, and share their Porsche stories. How about you?
- Take a look and see where **YOU** can take that little leap and be a part of the big picture in Nord Stern!
- Remember - The club needs those helping hands all year round.

## **Attendees:**

- Jeff Eckroth, Steve Albers, Carolyn Veno, Jim Southwell, Tom Sabow, Karen Carson, Michael Steinberg, Stan Lim, Tom Karn, Todd Smith, Judi Sievers, Scott Quick, Mary Quick, Andy Barker, April Barker, Scott Brown, Rich Rolf, Mary Rolf, Phil Saari, Matt Smith, Victor Goss
- Meeting was Called to Order at 6:36 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **President, Tom Karn:**

- Zone meeting review
- Observer report review
- Post event review

### **Vice President, Steve Albers:**

- Partnering with John Velure on Loonacy weekend

### **Treasurer, Scott Brown:**

- We are starting to pay down 2024 track events thanks to early registrations
- Please register early and often

### **Secretary, Tom Sabow:**

- No report

### **Board of Directors, Steve Kemp, John Velure, Jeff Eckroth**

- no report

### **Advertising, Mollie Nygaard**

- One new advertiser – North Woods Agency/Dean Salminen. Look for their first ad in the May or June magazine

### **All Porsche Show, Phil Saari and Hal Voges**

- Date is Saturday, June 29
- looking for 25 volunteers – sign up on website

### **Autocross, Andy Golfis**

- June 2nd Autocross Novice School at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount, MN. Registration available online at Motorsportreg.com.

### **Club Race/Loonacy, John Velure**

- No report

### **Dealerships, Roger Johnson**

- No report

### **Driver Education, John Blackburn**

- 46 registered for First Fling.

### **Drivers Training, Ben Rogers, Scott Brown**

- 17 students registered for First Fling

### **Historic Archivist, Roger Johnson**

- No report

### **Insurance, Jeff Carlson**

- No report

### **Membership, Michael Steinberg, Carolyn Veno, Amanda Zander**

- 643 paid up members. 12 new members in March 2024.
- Auto Edge membership event: April 13

### **Magazine, Christie Boeder**

- Please send photos and event write-ups directly to Christie's email: editor@nordstern.org

### **Registrar, Dave Anderson and Andy Barker**

- 2024 events are on Club Reg
- Track pricing is single pay pricing for the weekend
- First Fling & Final Fling: \$600
- Cheese Fling & Loonacy: \$650
- Impulse Performance in Maple Grove sells helmets & suits

### **Safety Chair; Nathan Reader, Paul Thai**

- No report

### **Shop & Tech Relations, Roger Johnson, Stan Lim**

- Plans for a "scheduled maintenance" review at a local shop

### **Social, Michelle Weber-Eckroth**

- April 17: Boom Island. Food truck will be "Egg Roll Queen"
- June 5: Women of Nord Stern inaugural event: Mozzarella making at France 44 in Edina
- June 12: lawn bowling at Brookview in Golden Valley
- September 21: apple picking and pizza
- October 12 is date for Checkered Flag party

### **Social Media, Misty Martianos, Christie Boeder, Judi Sievers**

- Facebook continues to get lots of posts and positive



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- A request for our chairs: if you'd like things posted on Facebook, please let the Social Media team know ahead of time.

### **Touring, Rallies, Drives: Jason Barney, Chuck Barr, Rich Rolf, Nick Severson**

- There will be a drive to Henderson, MN. More details to come.
- May 21: Arboretum Drive (a Porsche Minneapolis Sponsored event) – limited capacity. Register early!
- August 3: Vino in The Valley
- October 5-6: Fall Color Tour

### **Track Relations, Jim Bahner**

- No report

### **Volunteers, Jim Southwell**

- Our website volunteer landing page is up & running. Easy sign-up process with easy-to-read descriptions of interesting & fun volunteer opportunities

### **Webmaster, Dave Anderson and Christie**

#### **Boeder:**

- No report

### **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7 at Spazzo's in Minnetonka**

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Sabow, Secretary

Photos below by Michael Steinberg from the recent Imola New Member Social, left is Carolyn Veno aka 'Speedy' admiring the PCA banner. And the gorgeous Spyder needs no other adjectives.





# New Member Social at Auto Edge - Standing room only!

*photos by Michael Steinberg*



Thank you **Auto Edge** for having a great event and being a Nord Stern supporter. Thanks to **Dan Balthazor** for hosting another 'great get-together!'

Thanks, too, to all the Members of Nord Stern as it's not just the cars . . . it's the people that make the club so great.








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# Imola New Member Event Brings out the Crowds (and cars)!



Above: Jim and Gayle Southwell help greet and while I wish I could identify ALL of the members who attended the Imola New Member Social, there were so many, and many captured in photos that I'll let those images speak for themselves. Lots of goodies, cars, conversations, info, fun were had.







Our thanks to Kevin Tan and Imola for hosting a large gathering of Nord Stern members - new and maybe 'been around a while' members - for presentations on the club's activities, fun door prizes, signing waivers, lots of merchandise to peruse, many cool cars. And a great opportunity for father/son bonding over all things automotive - bottom middle picture.





# Imola New Member Social - Pictures CAN paint a thousand words

Photos by Michael Steinberg

Per Jim Southwell: *We had a good event (Imola New Member Social) and it was nice to see so many regular AND new faces show up to socialize and see what Nord Stern has in their plans for this year. Imola did a really nice job with getting the shop ready and having some fantastic cars on display. And numerous door prizes!*

From the Nord Stern Facebook page main Admin, contributes her kudos! She says *“the messages flooding in speak volumes. Attendees expressed their joy and gratitude for having participated. Notably, Bob Walden specifically mentioned Carolyn Veno (Membership) highlighting how she warmly embraced he and his son, making them feel valued members of our community.*



*You, the incredible (leadership) team, hold the keys to our achievements. It fills me with immense pride to be part of a group where everyone feels welcome. The feedback I receive after each event warms my heart, and I am eager to share it with all of you.”*



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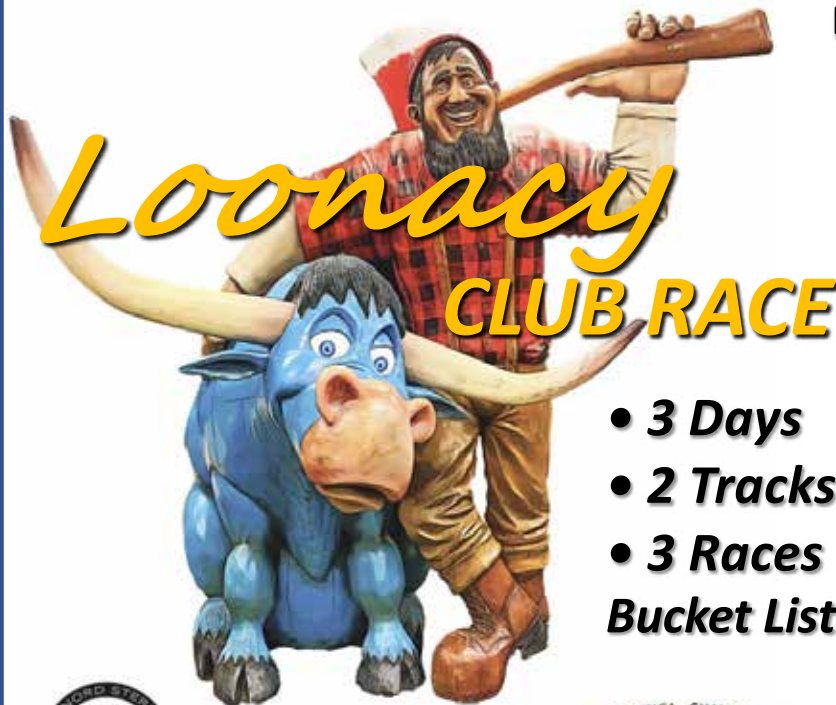
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**Y**es, yes, thanks to you, dear reader, I get to go to the Denver Car Show on press day. And I relish the opportunity. In fact, except for the Covid years, I haven't missed a show in at least a decade.

There were a few, shall we say, challenges this year. Firstly, the show overlapped with the New York International Car Show. Which meant that anything really new and groundbreaking was about 2,000 miles east. Second, press "day" this year was really a morning. That afternoon, the show opened to the public. And that meant that one of the annual highlights, the presentations from manufacturers, were limited to two. Nissan and Subaru. Thank you both.

Ah, but it was good to see my fellow scribes, and see that the show floor had grown from the previous year, back to about what it was, pre-Pandemic. And that meant a lot of product. Or so it seemed.

Yes but. I scanned a sea of new product and . . . well, let's see, there were three Corvettes, a Stingray, an E-Ray and a ZO6, but they were all locked. There were four Porsches, supplied by a local dealer, two Taycans, a Macan and a Cayenne, but they were all cordoned off. I did sit in a Z-car. But then again, I drove one, when it was introduced, a few years ago. I sat in a BRZ, and a WRX. But I've driven a few of them, too.

What else for this poor gear-head? Well, sorry, the sea floor was filled to the gills with SUVs and trucks, along with a smattering of EVs. They all looked, well, pretty much, alike.

I yawned. But I knew better. I knew that the interesting, the weird, the fun stuff was back, toward the far wall. And that's where I headed.

To find, whoa, a Tesla Cybertruck. And it was privately-owned. How do I know this? I struck up a conversation with an exhibitor, seated nearby, next to his beautifully restored Triumph TR-6. He had a pile of fliers for a Brit car club and upcoming Brit car show. He said he knew the owner.

Now, the Triumph represented a bit of nostalgia for me. I told the owner that I had had a Triumph TR-4, back in the day, and it was my first sports car, and it changed my life, and I should have never sold it. He laughed.

This was the first Cybertruck I had seen in the wild, so to speak. It's big, really big, larger than life. The windshield must be five feet by five feet. At least. One big plate of glass, with a single windshield wiper standing in salute, on one side. And, on the dash, nothing but a vertically oriented flat screen, centered.

I felt the side window glass. I was curious . . . I remembered Elon Musk driving into Jay Leno's Garage in the prototype, telling Jay the windows were bulletproof. Jay asked, why? And Musk's response was "because it's badass. Don't you want your windows to be badass?" Jay shook his head, sort of.

Next to the Cybertruck was a tractor-trailer cab. It's hard to believe, but the cab-forward thing actually dwarfed the Tesla. It was made by a firm called Nicola. Yes, that's right. A coincidence? We may never know. But the descriptor sign said it was hydrogen-powered.

And, nearby stood a 427 Cobra replica. "Powered by Rousch" said the hood scoop power bulge. A sign in front promoted the Mile-High Cobra Club.

Not far away were a kitted-out, track-ready Nissan Skyline GT-R and a similarly festooned Mazda RX-7. Both were under the banner of the Go For It Race School.

And then there was a Buick Riviera, slammed, lowered, chromed to an inch of its life. On its own stand. Basking in a gazillion watts of luminosity. Why? Why was it there? I don't know. But it did transport me back to the car show days of yore, of revolving platforms, where the best new stuff would shout out "look at me!" and golden girls would stand proudly and read off the litany of automotive firsts that the vehicles represented.

Ah, those were indeed the days. And, judging by the product mix this year, those days are now relegated to the far wall. And so is a lot of the enthusiasm that captivated me, the sizzle that sold the vehicles and made my blood boil. There's no doubt, these days the pulse rate is slower. But, if the show this year is any indication, at least there's still a pulse.



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June 9th	MOWOG #5	MAC	MINN STATE FAIRGROUNDS
June 16th			FATHER'S DAY
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July 7th			
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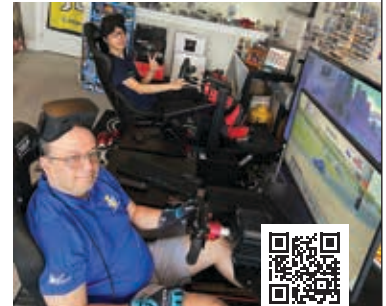


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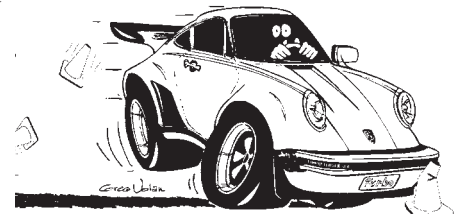


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## PHOTO TIPS FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER

Hello all. Some of you may already know me, some not. So just in case, a quick introduction: I am a Nord Stern member and have been for a good number of years now with my 2007 Porsche Cayman S. Before that, I was simply a Porsche enthusiast who showed up to as many Loonacy weekends at BIR as I could to see my favorite cars going flat out!



By day, I am a commercial automotive photographer and advertiser in Nord Stern, hopefully you have spotted my ad in the newsletter as *Dynamic Photowerks*. My business is built around shooting highly specific imagery for a full host of car commercial and advertising clients ranging from auction houses of the most expensive cars in the world to local clients looking for a boost in their business' marketing presence. I've made it my personal mission to build my business doing automotive photography from here in my home of Minnesota.

However, today I am going to share with you a few secrets I've learned about the ever-evolving world of photography to hopefully help you snap some higher quality photos of your Porsche on your own. I know what it's like to see beautiful photos of Porsches online or on social media and desire that for myself. You think, wow, if I could just have a few nice pics of my car for my phone background or computer desktop to brighten my day. Well, here are a few tips to help you do just that.

What camera you use is less important than you think. The old saying in my industry is "*The best camera is the one you have with you.*" In most cases, the camera you have with you is your phone. Even I, as a professional in this industry, can't knock the power of the iPhone these days. I routinely find myself in front of a gorgeous car with nothing more than my phone. So it's important to get to know the settings of the camera you are using. Take a look at the settings menu of your phone camera app. Familiarize yourself with how to use the different lenses on your phone (if applicable). I, myself, just discovered that iPhones now can shoot in a RAW file format. RAW means that the files your camera creates are completely uncompressed with much more information in the detail and color information.

This allows you to get larger, better image files and thus allows for more editing options.

Cars are shiny! Something many people forget to consider when they attempt to take a good photo of their car is that cars are shiny and reflect light. Next time you line up your car for a few photos, consider what might be reflecting in the paint that could detract from getting the best results. I always try to find an area with some wide open space around my subject vehicle so I can avoid unsightly reflections, or find a nice clean wall to shoot up against. And keep in mind, sometimes reflections can work in your favor, which brings me to my next point..

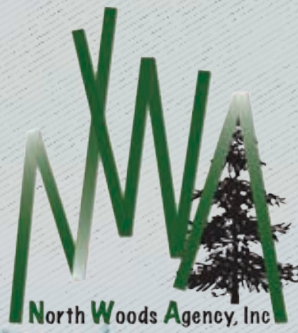
Time of day can make a big difference. You've heard the term 'golden-hour' before. Golden hour only comes twice a day, it's the 60 minutes surrounding sunrise and sunset. This hour of time is widely known as the optimal time to do photography because of the quality of the light. The light is smooth and soft, and yet still gives a 'direction' to the light. And when it comes to cars, golden hour can provide that x-factor to your pictures and almost makes the paint of your car look like liquid metal.

My final suggestion is to simply have fun with it. For most of us, taking photos is about capturing moments, creating memories, and sharing in the fun. Get out there and have some fun with it. Bring your kids along for the ride. Crank up the AC/DC and jam on.

Those are a few tips to consider the







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**(Editor's Note: It's a pleasure to share Josh's comments as his work speaks volume as to his creativity and skill, let alone his passion for the automotive world and willingness to share a few tips and tricks, plain good advice that any of us can take advantage of. We are fortunate to have such talented members in the club.)**

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## 1969 TO 1973

### 917, TWELVE-CYLINDERS AND THE MAIDEN VICTORY AFTER THE CLASH OF THE TITANS



15 June 1969 24h Le Mans; No. 64: Hans Herrmann and Gérard Larrousse in a 908 L Coupé; 2nd overall

### 908 – 917 – 911: A legend is born, photo finish for the 908, the first great victories, the making of a legendary race film, a record is set for four decades, enter the Carrera RSR

It is the 15th of June 1969, with less than four hours to the flag. Vic Elford and Richard Attwood have pulled well clear of their pursuers with the new Porsche 917 long tail. Six laps separate the two Britons from last year's victors Jacky Ickx/Jackie Oliver in the Ford GT40. Regrettably, a faulty clutch puts a halt on their incredible charge with the new race car fitted out with a 4.5-litre, twelve-cylinder 180° V-engine. The second pole-setting 917 manned by Rolf Stommelen and Kurt Ahrens has ground to a stop after ten hours with clutch damage. But the Porsche fireworks are by no means over. Hans Herrmann and Gérard Larrousse add a dramatic chapter to the history of the race. A defect wheel bearing early on in the race costs the 908 long tail 35 minutes. In a furious pursuit over 20 hours, the Frenchman and the German plough through the field to lie within striking distance of the leading Ford GT40 of Ickx/Oliver. In a do-or-die finale, the Ford and Porsche swap places in the lead several times. Herrmann is hesitant to use the superior braking performance of his lightweight Porsche because a light in the cockpit warns of worn brake pads. Ickx wins by just 120 metres. Ironically, it turns out that the warning lamp was faulty and the brake pads were in top condition.

In 1970, Dr. Ferry Porsche sends the contenders on their way. Porsche achieves its first overall victory in the company's history and locks out the entire podium for the first time. And that against formidable competition! Seven Porsche 917 take up the challenge against eleven Ferrari 512, with the swift prototypes fitted with

three-litre Formula 1 engines also waiting for their chance. The race goes down in automotive history as the "Clash of the Titans". After 24 dramatic hours of racing, at times in severe weather conditions, Hans Herrmann and Britain's Richard Attwood are flagged off as the winners after 4,607.811 kilometres or 343 laps with the 917 short tail fielded by Porsche Salzburg. Their car is propelled by a 4.5-litre, twelve-cylinder, 180° V-engine producing around 580 hp (427 kW). Following in second place is the 917 long tail driven by Gérard Larrousse and Willi Kauhsen decked out in the psychedelic colours of the seventies. This vehicle goes down in history as the "Hippie Car". Third place is taken by Rudi Lins and Dr. Helmut Marko in a 908/02. Both Porsche win the two prizes for efficiency that are up for grabs this year. The ratio of lap times and fuel consumption are superior to all other contenders of this marathon sprint. Victory of the first Porsche twelve-cylinder in Le Mans is particularly convincing. The best-placed Ferrari in fourth is 30 laps adrift of the winning Porsche – that's the equivalent of 404 kilometres. The sports cars from Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen have also become a favourite amongst privateers: 24 Porsche line up to compete. In addition to the overall win and victory in the prototype category, the cars from Zuffenhausen also clinch first place in both GT classes, with the 914/6 of Guy Chasseuil and Claude Ballot-Lena making an impressive and widely-acclaimed Le Mans debut by scoring sixth overall. The team boss of this car is none other than Auguste "Toto" Veuillet.

During and after the race, footage is shot for the "Le Mans" film that will open in cinemas a year later – on 23 June 1971 – and is still regarded today as the most legendary movie of our time. Serving as the camera car is the 908/2, with which lead actor Steve McQueen had claimed second place in Sebring. The #49 car competes under the entry of Solar Productions with heavy camera equipment onboard. Sharing driving duties are Herbert Linge and Jonathan Williams. The 908/02 covers 282 laps (3,798 km). After the race, spectacular crash scenes are shot with the body parts of the Porsche 917 and the Ferrari 512 mounted on to less expensive Lola chassis.

Porsche aficionado Steve McQueen and the US ambassador to France send the contenders on their way in 1971. Of the 49 starters, 33 put their faith in the marque from Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen – a record that still stands today. Porsche has modified the 917 for Le Mans, particularly in the area of aerodynamics. Their work pays dividends. At the pre-test, Derek Bell is unofficially clocked doing 396 km/h on the long straight in a long-tail 907. The car stands out for its smooth and stable handling. The race turns into a marathon of records. Helmut Marko and Gijs van Lennep drive to victory in the Porsche 917 short tail campaigned by Martini Racing ahead of

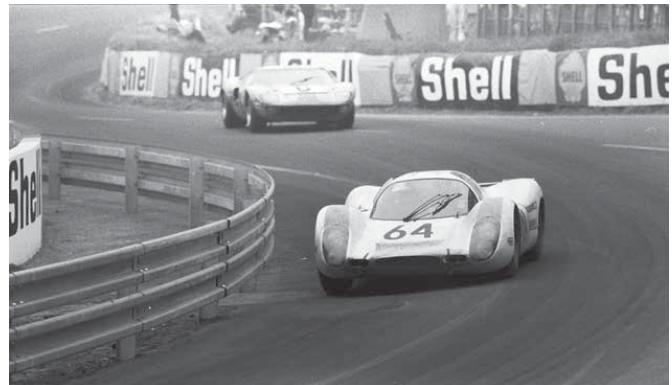


Herbert Müller and Richard Attwood in the 917 fielded by John Wyer Automotive Engineering – the official JW Gulf factory squad. Marko/van Lennep turn 397 laps in the 917 featuring a magnesium space frame, and cover 5,335.13 kilometres setting an average speed of 222.304 km/h. This record will remain unbroken for the next 39 years. For their record-breaking drive, the winners are also awarded the “Index of Performance“ for the most efficient use of fuel! Jackie Oliver turns a practice lap with an average speed of 250.475 km/h and is clocked doing 386 kilometres per hour at the end of the long straight. With the long tail and the modified aerodynamics, the “kink” – a right bend on the long Mulsanne straight – can be taken at full throttle. Only after almost a decade and a half does a race car manage to lap the Circuit de la Sarthe quicker – and again it will be a Porsche. Both the Martini design of the victors and the light blue and orange livery of the second-placed “Gulf Porsche” are regarded today as classics of industrial design. Once again, a 911 wins the GT classification: Raymond Tourol and “Anselme” pocket sixth overall – spearheading a further six 911. Since its Le Mans debut in 1966, the 911 remains undefeated in the GT class. Back home in Germany, the race department relocates from Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen to Weissach.

From 1972, the World Championship and the 24 hour race are contested specifically for prototypes with normally-aspirated three-litre engines. The era of the magnificent 917 in Le Mans if over, but a 908 long tail privately-entered by Reinhold Joest turns heads. Joest, Mario Casoni and Michael Weber share the car owned by Jo Siffert and score third overall behind two factory-run Matra. The 908 benefits mainly from the sophisticated aerodynamics and its low weight. Despite its substantially lower engine output compared to the works-Matra, the Porsche reaches an identical top speed on the long straight. Michael Keyser, Jürgen Barth and Sylvain Garant drive the 911 S of Ecurie Louis Meznaire to victory in the GT class for up to three litres. At Porsche, the mid-term decision is to concentrate on motorsport with the 911. In November 1972, development begins on the first race car based on the 911 Carrera RS 2.7. This marks the dawn of the move towards the incomparably successful Porsche turbo-powered race car.

In 1973, the prototypes with their three-litre Formula 1 engines are the top category at Le Mans. But the future is a World Championship – and a 24 hour race – for “production cars”. The factory squad campaigns the 911 Carrera RSR 3.0 in the prototype class. This class allows greater technical freedom in testing innovations for the future. The RSR 3.0 is an impressive 911 with twelve inch rear wheels, the braking system from the 917, and a significantly modified suspension with the “auxiliary” springs on

the rear axle taking over the job previously done by the torsion bars. Dubbed the “Mary Stuart collar”, the rear spoiler stretches all the way to the fenders. The six-cylinder boxer unit delivers 330 hp. Weighing in at 890 kilograms, the RSR 3.0 have no chance of fighting for overall honours against the 200 kg lighter sports prototypes. Still, Gijs van Lennep and Herbert Müller almost score a podium spot: Fourth place behind two Matra and a Ferrari. A mere three laps behind the third-placed “Formula 1 with a body”. One small negative in the elation: the second works-RSR driven by Reinhold Joest and Claude Haldi rolls to a halt in the seventh hour with an empty tank. Erwin Kremer, Clemens Schickentanz and Paul Keller win the GT class to three litres in the 2.8-litre Carrera RSR fielded by Porsche Kremer Racing, followed by Georg Loos and Jürgen Barth in the 2.8-litre RSR of Gelo Racing. The first five places in the class go to Porsche. The Kremer-Porsche is the most efficient car in the field and wins the consumption performance category.



15.06.1969 24h Le Mans. 64: Hans Herrmann und Gérard Larousse auf einem 908 LH Coupé; 2. Pl. Ges.Kl.



5 June 1969 24h Le Mans; No. 12: Vic Elford and Richard Attwood in a 917 L Coupé; No. 20: Jo Siffert and Brian Redman in a 908/02

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new event Lawn Bowling at Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley on June 12th. This is going to be so much fun! For both events, register and get more details at clubregistration.net! And remember, if you want to get involved with planning the social events, email Michelle at social@nordstern.org.

**Tech Sessions** continue with the Midwest ClearBra event on May 4th. This is always interesting with great food! Roger and Stan continue to brainstorm ideas for more Tech—stay tuned!

**Track Season** is in full swing. Thanks so much to all of the instructors who stepped up to teach a new class of students how to enjoy the thrill of High Performance Driver Education at First Fling! Next up is Cheese Fling at Road America on Monday/Tuesday, June 17/18. This is one of the best tracks in North America and is stunningly beautiful! If you love driving on the track and haven't been there yet, what are you waiting for!?! Join us. You'll have a blast!

**Nord Stern's Loonacy Weekend** at Brainerd International Raceway is shaping up to be epic again! Held from Friday, July 12th through Sunday, July 14th, you can experience a Club Race, Driver Education, Drive to Loonacy, a Grid Walk, Happy Hours and Cookouts, Parade Laps (drive any car on the track at highway speeds) and



Photo above: The 'scene' at the recent Auto Edge social with Nord Sterner Scott Brown talking 'all things Nord Stern' to a very attentive audience. Auto Edge and Dan Baltazar also host a fabulous social to start out the club's summer fun, photo by Michael Steinberg

More! If you aren't sure what happens at a race track, this is the perfect opportunity to experience it up close. You can join the Drive to Loonacy on Saturday morning from Porsche Minneapolis, or just meet us at the track. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and get in on the action.

Two major car shows are just around the corner. The **All Porsche Show**, which is one of Nord Stern's premier, long-standing events, will be held on Saturday, June 29th in Roseville. This is always a treat with plenty of eye candy. Also, Porsche is the featured marque at the **AutoMotorPlex car show in Medina on Saturday, June 8th**. Although this is not a Nord Stern event, the Membership team will be there along with plenty of Porsches (over 120 showed up last year!).

Finally, hats off to Nord Stern for its **fundraising efforts for St Jude Children's Research Hospital**, our official charity. Jeff Eckroth and Michelle Weber-Eckroth have made major strides recently to strengthen and expand the relationship between Nord Stern, the local Porsche dealerships, and St. Jude. Nord Stern Members have always been a charitable bunch and now it's even easier to give. Look for many upcoming opportunities to support this great charity!

**Get involved!** Being around the cars provides the connection, but the people make the fun durable. Jim Southwell is the volunteer coordinator and can be reached at volunteer@nordstern.org. Let him know you want to help and he'll figure out where!

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